

Appl. No. 10/823,101
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10, 18-20, and 22-26 are previously presented. Claim 11 has been amended. Claims 2, 7, 9, 16-17, and 21 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-15, 18-20, and 22-26 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections under 25 U.S.C. 112

Claims 11-15 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended independent claim 11 and canceled claim 17, keeping in mind the comments offered by the Examiner. This has been done in order to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which Applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 11, "the rotor defines at least one socket in an outer wall thereof accommodating at least one roller, the at least one roller being tightly and movably held between the socket and railway" has clearly addressed the structural cooperative relationship of the railway. "[A] movement of the rotor together with a movement of the at least one roller along the railway" warrants the display to be "driven to move along said second axis," "when the display rotates around said second axis," and clearly describes how the railway effects the performance of the hinge device. It is submitted that necessary structural connections are completely defined. It is asserted that amended claim 11 has overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, and been in a condition for allowance.

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Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 11 and claims 12-15 and 18-19, which all depend on claim 11, now particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Thus, Applicant submits that such claims are now in allowable form.

Allowable Subject Matter

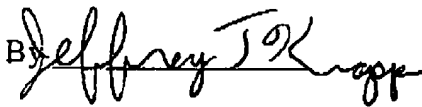
Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10, 20 and 22-26 are allowed.

Claims 11-15 and 17-19 are stated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office action.

As detailed above, Applicant has amended independent claim 11, which is asserted to now be in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, on this basis, claims 12-15 and 18-19 should also be allowable.

In view of the above claim amendments and remarks, the subject application is believed to be in a condition for allowance, and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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